

REMARKS

This response is filed prior to filing a Notice of Appeal. In this response, a recitation has been removed from claims 27 and 35 to present the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. These amendments do not raise any new issues that would require further consideration and search by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that these amendments be entered.

No claims have been cancelled, and no new claims have been added. Claims 27-31 and 33-47 remain pending in the application.

Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at 503-796-2972 to discuss any unresolved issues. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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